

of the first page of the Preliminary Amendment which was filed with the application on December 27, 2000, which includes Claim 10, showing exactly where the change is being made.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

10. The MPEG video decoding method according to claim [11]<sup>9</sup><sub>1</sub> wherein when decoding a first picture, in the parameter reading step, parameters are read from a memory area that is to store the parameters of each layer attached to the picture to be decoded.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 10 has been amended to corrected a minor typographical error. No new matter is contained in the amendments.